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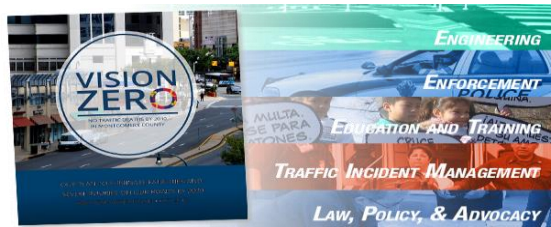
**Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting**  
**Monday, February 25 7:00pm**  
**Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center**  
**12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

***Topic: Lessons Learned from the Amazon HQ2 Decision***  
***Guest: Tina Benjamin, Special Projects Coordinator,***  
***Office of the County Executive***

*All board and committee meetings are open to the public!*

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to [catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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***Join Now!***  
**Vision Zero Task Force**

Montgomery County is one of the first county governments in the United States to initiate a Vision Zero plan. The County has put resources in place to reduce severe and fatal collisions on County roads by 35 percent for vehicle occupants (drivers and passengers), pedestrians, and bicyclists by November 2019.

The County is looking for residents to participate on a task force to recommend changes to policies and practices for engineering, education, and enforcement to ensure the County's efforts lead to increased equity between neighborhoods. The estimated time commitment is only 5 hours a month over the next 6 months.

To learn more, see the [attached flyer](#) and if you would like to participate please email [visionzero@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:visionzero@montgomerycountymd.gov). We especially need people from the Upcounty region (Shady Grove and north).

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## Holiday Schedule for Presidents Day Holiday, Monday February 18

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for the Presidents Day Holiday:

**County Offices** – closed;

**Libraries** – closed;

**Department of Liquor Control retail stores** – all stores open from 10:00am to 6:00pm;

**Recreation** – recreation and aquatics programs and facilities open. Senior centers and administrative offices are closed;

**Montgomery Parks** - visit [www.MontgomeryParks.org](http://www.MontgomeryParks.org);

**Ride On** – will run a modified holiday schedule. Click on route number in this link to see the timetable for each route: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/SpecialHoliday.html>;

**Metrorail and Metrobus** – Information available at [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com);

**TRiPS Commuter Store** - Friendship Heights – closed;

**County-provided refuse/recycling pickup** – County-provided trash and recycling collection is cancelled. Collection will slide by one day with the last pickup on Saturday, Feb. 26;

**Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station** – open with normal hours;

**Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters** – free; and

**State offices and courts** – closed.

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***County Residents Encouraged to Attend and Bring Your Devices!***

### **Balancing Act Interactive Budget Forum**

**Tuesday, February 19 7:00pm - 8:30pm (New Date!)**

**Executive Office Building, Cafeteria  
101 Monroe Street, Rockville**

The County's Office of Management and Budget will hold an interactive budget forum using a [budget simulator tool](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/budgetsimulator) called "Balancing Act." Balancing Act is a Montgomery County-developed, interactive tool to increase public engagement with the FY20 budget process. This new online tool will allow the County leaders to have a better understanding of the funding priorities of County residents. It will also give our residents a chance to experience the tough decisions made each day to keep our government operating. Check out the tool at [montgomerycountymd.gov/budgetsimulator](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/budgetsimulator).

[Register for the event.](#)

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**Montgomery Councilmember Craig Rice, MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith,  
and College President DeRionne Pollard to host Forum on Education Budget**

**Wednesday, February 20 6:30pm-8:30pm  
Neelsville Middle School  
11700 Neelsville Church Road, Germantown**

Craig Rice, Chair of the County Council's Education and Culture Committee; Dr. Jack Smith, Superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS); and Dr. DeRionne Pollard, President of Montgomery College, will host the first in a series of five public education budget forums in Germantown.

This is the fifth year that these county education leaders are hosting a countywide tour to talk about the education budget process and the priorities for Montgomery County residents. These annual forums present residents an opportunity to learn about and provide input regarding our county's public-school system and our community college.

The remaining forums will be held:

- Feb. 27: Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle School - Silver Spring, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 6: Rockville High School - Rockville, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 11: Bethesda Chevy Chase High School - Bethesda, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 27: Montgomery College – Takoma Park Campus (Cultural Arts Center Theater 1), 6:30 p.m.

For further information contact Councilmember Rice's office at 240-777-7955 or email him at:

[Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov) .

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**Registration is Still Open for the County's Office of Human Rights Maryland Civil Rights  
Educational Freedom Experience**

[https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=22752](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22752)

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**Montgomery Council's Transportation and Environment Committee organizes Metro Town Hall**

**Thursday, February 21 7:30pm  
Silver Spring Civic Building  
1 Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring**

*Meeting will provide resident the opportunity to discuss impact of proposed end of Silver Spring Metro turnbacks, increase in rush hour service, flat weekend rates*

The Montgomery County Council's Transportation and Environment (T&E) Committee will host a town hall on Thursday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. focusing on service improvements to Metro. Representatives of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) will present an overview of a new package of service improvements, and residents and advocacy groups will have the opportunity to discuss the impacts of these improvements. The town hall will be held in the Silver Spring Civic Building (1 Veterans Plaza in Silver Spring).

The service improvements package includes ending the Silver Spring turnback, doubling rush-hour service on the northeastern end of the Red Line. Turnbacks at the other end of the Red Line at Grosvenor-Strathmore were eliminated in December. The package also includes transitioning to exclusively eight-car trains on all lines to increase rush-hour capacity; adding 30 minutes of peak service during the morning rush hour and an hour and a half in the evening rush hour; and having a flat fare on the weekend.

For more, see press release [https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=22822](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22822)

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**MONTGOMERY COLLEGE**  
Germantown Campus 40th Anniversary  
**COMMUNITY DAY** | SATURDAY 3.30.19  
NOON-4 P.M.

**Free Family Fun!** The Germantown campus at Montgomery College turned 40 this year. To recognize this milestone in our history, we decided to celebrate with the community that has supported us from the very beginning. Germantown Community Day is scheduled, rain or shine, to take place on the Germantown Campus on Saturday, March 30, 2019, from 12-4 pm. We envision the College coming together with local residents, businesses and organizations for a fun-filled and educational day. There will be lots of prizes and giveaways and activities for

all ages. We hope you and your family will attend. You can find a complete list of participants, donors, and the day's activities on our [Community Day webpage](#). Help spread the word!

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### Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

February is [Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month](#) (TDVAM)! Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich, all of the County Council, and other County and community leaders stand in unity, on "Wear Orange Day," in support of TDVAM as part of the national effort. The 2019 TDVAM campaign theme is "Huddle Up for Healthy Relationships." This campaign aims to empower young people to build healthy relationships from the ground up. You can learn more about the impact of Teen Dating Violence and the steps to raise awareness and promote safe, healthy relationships [here](#).

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### County Council Approves Elrich Appointees Adam Ortiz as New Environmental Director and Diane Vu as New Director of the Office of Community Partnerships

[https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=22786](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22786)

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### "Shop Maryland Energy Tax Free Weekend"

*Save on Many ENERGY STAR Efficient Products During Tax Free Weekend on Feb. 16-18*

The Maryland Comptroller's Office has designated the tax-exempt initiative to encourage consumers to purchase ENERGY STAR appliances that are rated to be highly efficient and save energy costs. From 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, through midnight Monday, Feb. 18, certain ENERGY STAR designated products will be exempt from State sales tax. Get details at [https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=22817](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22817)

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## County Health Officials Release First Report on Maternal and Infant Health; Information and Data Available Online

[https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=22831](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22831)

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### Everyone Counts in Montgomery

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich and Council President Nancy Navarro signed a joint proclamation launching United States 2020 Census outreach activities in Montgomery County. Navarro is also serving as the chair of the Complete Count Committee of Montgomery. The [Census Bureau's](#) goal is to provide a complete and accurate count of the entire population every 10 years. The count officially begins on April 1, 2020. The Census Bureau's primary mission is conducting the U.S. Census every 10 years, which allocates the seats of the U.S. House of Representatives to the states based on their population and influences the allocation of federal funds each year. This helps states and local jurisdictions make informed decisions such as where to build and maintain schools, hospitals, transportation infrastructure, and public safety departments.

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**County Council** <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council>

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news_releases)

**Also check out the latest from:**

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep>

Department of Permitting Services <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/partnerships>

Commission for Women <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>

Department of Health and Human Services [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs)